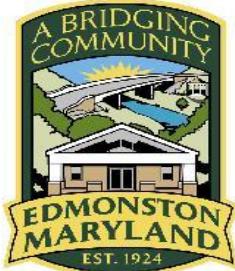


# EDMONSTON NEWS



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## Recent Legislative Actions by the Mayor and Council

### Regular Meeting of Mayor and Town Council June 8, 2009

1. Action to approve Resolution 2009-R-05 Re: Community Legacy Program for 2010 Motion by CM McCauley, seconded by CM Farrish.  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*
2. Action on Ordinance 2009- O -001 Re: Chapter 18; Paragraph 4: Walls, Fences and Hedges motion to table with amendments, Motion by CM Kerns, seconded by CM Farrish.  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*
3. Action to increase dollar amount for equipment purchases that will be designated as Capitol Equipment to a minimum of \$1,000.00 Motion by CM Kerns, second by CM Farrish  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*



## Recent Legislative Actions by the Mayor and Council

### Regular Meeting of Mayor and Town Council July 13, 2009

1. Reconciliation of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget. Motion to table. Motion by CM Kerns, second by CM McCauley.

2. Approval of Resolution 2009-R-06, Re: Community Legacy Project. Motion by CM McCauley, seconded by CM Giddens.  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*
3. Approval of Agreement with Green revisions, LLC, Re: Grant Proposal Fees Motion by CM McCauley, second by CM Kerns  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*
4. Approval of Resolution 2009- R- 07,Re: Re-designation of Enterprise Zone with Prince George's County for 10 years. Motion by CM Kerns, seconded by CM Giddens.  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*
5. Introduction of Ordinance 2009-OR-020, Re: Creation of "Green Street Zone" (SEE PAGE 8).
6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Edmonston and Chesapeake Bay Trust, Re: The Decatur street Project. Motion by CM Kerns second by CM McCauley.  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*
7. Introduction and Approval of Emergency Ordnance 2009-OR-022, Furniture on Porches. Motion by CM Giddens second by CM McCauley. (sEE PAGE 8)  
*Motion Approved, Mayor Ortiz in favor*

## ***From the Mayor's Desk***

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Dear Neighbor,

On June 15th the Council and I passed the budget for the next year (our Fiscal Year goes from July 1 to June 30). In short, our spending is pretty much staying the same. The most significant change is that we have hired a new Code Enforcement Officer, which is paid by a grant that we have received through the federal Community Development Block Grant.



The new officer is Carmen Ramirez, you may have met by now, she has been working in our front office for several years. Carmen is hardworking, straightforward, has a great attitude and sense of humor - an important quality in a Code Officer! She has a good understanding of the town and will be a great asset in improving our quality of life.

Carmen's position as Police Clerk has been filled by T.C. Clark, a fantastic person with a great deal of experience, including as a police dispatcher.

Although we are not spending much more for services in the town, that doesn't mean that we will not be improving our quality. We are working to do things better than we have done before. We have created internal systems to track resident concerns, we document our completed tasks, are instituting ordinances and enforcing them better than before. In July, you will have more information at your fingertips through an improved website.

However, we are not perfect. We need your feedback too. If you have ideas or concerns, don't hesitate to let us know.

One of our most exciting improvements will be the construction of the Green Street. Many construction companies have submitted proposals to build the street. We will open them at the end of this month and make a selection in late July, following procurement laws and regulations. If all goes well, construction will begin in August.

We will keep you posted.

Your Mayor,

Adam

## ***Desde el Escritorio del Alcalde***

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Estimado Vecino:

El 15 de junio el consejo y yo aprobamos el presupuesto por el año próximo (Nuestro año fiscal económico va del 1 de julio al 30 de junio). En fin, nuestros gastos se han mantenido controlado. El cambio más significativo es que hemos contratado un nuevo oficial de la aplicación del código, la cual será pagado por una concesión federal que recibimos a través del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad.

El nuevo oficial es la Sra. Carmen Ramírez, tal vez ya la han conocido, ella ha estado trabajando en nuestra oficina por varios años. ¡Carmen es trabajadora, directa, tiene un gran actitud y como también un tremendo sentido del humor - una cualidad importante para un oficial del código! Ella tiene un buen conocimiento de nuestro pueblo. Ella será una pieza clave, para el mejoramiento de nuestra calidad de vida. La posición del Carmen como asistente administrativo del Departamento de la Policía ha sido

ocupada por la Srta. T.C. Clark, persona fantástica con mucha la experiencia, entre lo cual incluye haber sido despachador del Departamento de Policía.

A pesar que estaremos pagando más por los servicios que se reciben, ésa no significa que bajaremos la calidad de los mismos. Estamos trabajando para mejorar aún más. Hemos creado sistemas internos de rastreo de las preocupaciones y quejas de los residentes, al igual que documentamos los servicios realizados. Se han instituyendo ordenanzas, como también vigilamos para que sean cumplidos, mucho más antes. En julio, usted tendrá más información en disponible con una página de la Web mejorado.

Sin embargo, no somos perfectos. Necesitamos su regeneración también. Si usted tiene ideas o preocupaciones, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros.

Una de nuestras mejoras más emocionantes será la construcción de la Calle Verde. Muchas empresas de la construcción han sometido propuestas para construir la calle. Los abriremos en el final de este mes y haremos una selección para finales de julio, después de leyes de la consecución y de regulaciones. Si va todo bien, la construcción comenzará en agosto.

Le mantendremos informado

Su alcalde,

Adam

## What is Code Enforcement?

Municipal Codes are laws that are enacted by your elected representatives, Council and Mayors, of the local jurisdiction, be it a City, Town or other Municipality. The power to enact these local, municipality specific laws is granted by the Maryland State Legislature as outlined within the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Code Enforcement Officers are not police officers, they are however, sworn to enforce and uphold these municipal ordinances or laws. The specifics of their jobs differ from that of a Police Officer in that a CEO attempts to gain cooperation towards compliance, in most cases, before instituting enforcement measures.

Consequently, when this compliance is not obtained then the CEO must resort to enforcement measures, which generally includes a municipal fine by way of a civil citation or a traffic ticket. Further enforcement can include obtaining court orders for correction, orders to cease and desist an activity, abatement of violation as ordered by the CEO, additional monetary charges as associated with the abatement, attachment of costs as tax liens against a property, automobile impoundment or other such remedies as ordered by the Courts.

A number of your municipal ordinances are adopted from the County and or State level. They may be amended slightly to be specific to that particular municipality and to allow local enforcement of the ordinance. So, by now you are asking, "What does all of this mean and what does it have to do with me?" Good question, we'll try to explain.

Just as with all the other “laws of the land”, if you follow them, then you have nothing to worry about. Locally, and most significantly it is about maintaining standards toward a “Livable Community.” These ordinances cover a multitude of items, including but not necessarily limited to; parking, storage of autos, outside storage, grass and plant maintenance, building maintenance, animals, noise, peace and good order, general property standards, business and vendor licensing, accumulations of trash and debris and overall appearances.

- Vehicles must have current registrations and be maintained in operable conditions, even when stored on private property, unless stored in a garage or covered.
- Property structures must be maintained. This includes all out buildings or appurtenant structures. All wood must be in good condition, paint maintained, no rust or hazardous conditions.
- All repairs, additions or work otherwise performed on the property, in most cases, must have a building permit. When in doubt, before doing any work, check with Town Hall.
- All Businesses and Vendors must have a business license to operate within the Town. Food vendors must have a Prince George’s County Health Department Permit.
- Grass, weeds, trees and other growth must be maintained. Grass can be no longer than 8”. There should never be a need, and certainly not a need to consistently serve notice to residents each time that their grass needs cut or weeds need pulled or bushes need trimmed.
- Property areas should be maintained free of trash and garbage. These items must be stored in proper containers until collected. These containers are

not to be kept in the street or at curb side from week to week. Trash collection containers must be kept behind the front property building line (line with front of the house/structure) except for being placed for collection the night before a scheduled pick up and then returned after collection.

This list includes a small number of the items but represents the most significant of continuous violations found.



The goal of your elected officials, the Council and Mayor of the Town of Edmonston, is to bring and maintain your Town, into the highest standards of a “Livable Community” as possible. Projects of cleanliness and beautification instill pride, professionalism and a down to earth friendly community in which to live, work or visit.

We ask every resident, whether owner or occupant, young or old and regardless of Nationality, to take ownership of your property or area, to accept responsibility and to be accountable to doing what is needed, what is correct and what is right in keeping not just your property or area but in helping to maintain your entire Town in a neat, clean and presentable atmosphere. Everyone, doing their part and encouraging others to do the same, will help maintain your Town, the Town of Edmonston, at the forefront as an example of a “Livable Community.”

These actions of commitment and cooperation will severely reduce the likelihood of a visit from our Code Enforcement Officers.

## ¿Qué es Aplicación de Código?

Los códigos municipales son las leyes que son decretados por sus representantes elegidos, consejo y alcaldes, de la jurisdicción local, sea la ciudad, municipio. El poder de decretar, las leyes específicos del municipio, es concedida por la legislatura de Estado de Maryland según lo define el código de Maryland.

Los oficiales de la aplicación no son oficiales de policía, ellos están sin embargo, jurado para hacer cumplir y para mantener estas ordenanzas o leyes municipales. Los específicos de sus trabajos diferencian del de un oficial de policía en que un CEO procura ganar la cooperación hacia conformidad, en la mayoría de los casos, antes de instituir medidas de la aplicación.

Por lo tanto, cuando la conformidad no se obtiene el CEO debe recurrir a las medidas de la aplicación, que incluye generalmente una multa municipal por una citación civil o un boleto del tráfico. La aplicación adicional puede incluir la obtención de los órdenes judiciales para la corrección, cargos monetarios adicionales asociados con gastos por embargos de impuesto contra una propiedad, del remolque del automóvil o de otros remedios tales ordenados por las cortes.

Un número de sus ordenanzas municipales se adoptan del condado y o nivel del estado. Pueden ser enmendados levemente para ser específicos al municipio particular y para permitir la aplicación local de la ordenanza. Así pues, ahora usted está preguntándose, “qué significa esto y qué tiene que hacer conmigo?” Buena pregunta, intentaremos explicar.

Apenas como con todas las otras “leyes de la tierra”, si usted los sigue, después usted no

tendrá nada de preocuparse. Está localmente, y lo más perceptiblemente posible sobre estándares que mantienen hacia una “comunidad habitable.” Estas ordenanzas cubren una multitud de artículos, incluyendo pero no limitada necesariamente a; estacionamiento, almacenaje de automóviles, almacenaje, mantenimiento de hierba y de plantas, mantenimiento del edificio, animales, ruido, paz y buena orden, estándares generales de la propiedad, licencia a negocios y vendedores, acumulaciones de basura y escombros entre otros.

- Los vehículos se deben estar registrados en condiciones operables, aun cuando almacenadas en propiedad privada, a menos que estén almacenados dentro del garaje o cubiertos.
- Las estructuras de la propiedad deben ser mantenidas. Esto incluye todos los edificios y las estructuras en la misma. Toda la madera debe estar en buenas condiciones, la pintura mantenida, ningún moho o condiciones peligrosas.
- Todas las reparaciones, adiciones o trabajo de construcción en la mayoría de los casos, deben tener un permiso de construcción. Cuando en duda, antes de hacer cualquier trabajo, verifique con la ciudad.
- Todos los negocios y vendedores deben tener una licencia del negocio para operar dentro de la ciudad. Los vendedores del alimento deben tener permiso de Departamento de Salud del Condado de Príncipe George.
- La grama, hierbas, árboles y arbustos deben ser mantenidos. La grama no puede estar más de 8”. Nunca debe haber una necesidad, y ciertamente no una necesidad de servir constantemente el aviso a los residentes cada vez que corte.
- Las áreas de alrededor de la propiedad se deben mantener libremente de

basura y escombros. Estos artículos se deben almacenar en envases apropiados hasta recogido. Estos envases no deben ser guardados en la calle o en el lado del encintado de semana a la semana. Los envases de la colección de la basura se deben guardar detrás de la línea de edificio delantera de la propiedad a excepción de la noche antes de la colección.

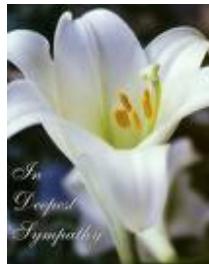
Esta lista incluye una pequeña cantidad de los artículos pero representa el más significativo de las violaciones continuas encontradas. La meta de sus funcionarios elegidos, del consejo y del alcalde de la ciudad de Edmonston, es traer y mantener su ciudad, en las mayores niveles de una "comunidad habitable" como sea posible.

Los proyectos de la limpieza y del embellecimiento inculcan orgullo, profesionalismo y una oportunidad para conectar la tierra a la comunidad para vivir, trabajar o visitar. Pedimos que cada residente, si dueño o inquilino, joven o viejo y sin importar nacionalidad, tome responsabilidad de su propiedad.

Con su cooperación, logrará una reducción en las visitas del oficial de aplicación.

## OBITUARIES

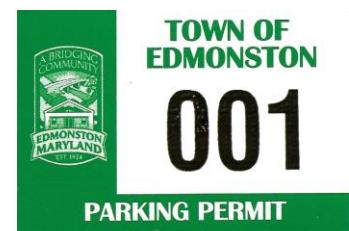
The Town of Edmonston wishes to express our deepest condolences to the following families:



- The Cross Family on Gallatin, for their loss of Gale P. Cross.
- The Patrick Family on 46<sup>th</sup> Ave, for their loss of Mrs. Marianne Patrick.
- The Commodore family on Gallatin, for their loss of Mrs. Commodore.

## **NEW Residential Parking Permits (Stickers and visitor passes)**

We have received our new residential parking permits. Permits will be installed by the



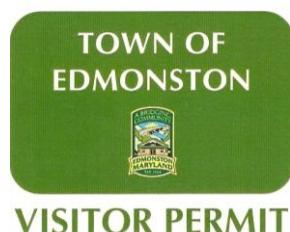
Edmonston Police Department and/or authorize personnel only. Permits will be given out at the Edmonston Town Hall. The vehicle that will be receiving the permit

**MUST BE REGISTERED** in the town.

Please bring with you:

- the vehicle's registration,
- picture ID,
- And the vehicle.

## **NUEVO permiso residencial y Pases de visitantes**

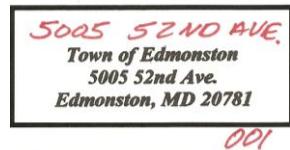


Hemos recibido los nuevos permisos del estacionamiento residenciales. Los

permisos serán instalados por el Departamento del Policía de Edmonston y/o personal autorizado solamente. Los permisos serán dados en la alcaldía de Edmonston. Para recibir el permiso el vehículo TIENE QUE ESTAR REGISTRADO en Edmonston.

Traiga por favor con usted:

- Su registración del vehículo,
- una identificación con foto
- y el vehículo.



## *From the Office of the Chief*

The following is a list of activities Edmonston officers initiated or received a call requesting service or assistance for the month of June

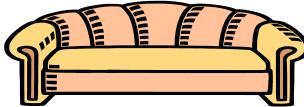
Accident reports	2
Alarms	9
Armed Suspects	3
Arrests	2
Assaults	0
Assist Fire Department	0
Arrest Warrants Served	2
Breaking & Entering Residential	0
Breaking & Entering Commercial	0
Carjacking	0
Check on welfare of resident	0
Death Report	0
Disorderly / Suspicious Persons	15
Domestic Disturbances	3
Fights	0
Homicide	0
Juvenile Complaints	0
Loud Parties	1
Maryland Moving Violations Issued	70
Recovered Stolen Autos	0
Citizen Robbery	0
Business Robbery	0
Security check of premises	3
Sound of gunshots	0
Stolen Autos	2
Suspicious Persons	3
Suspicious Vehicles	4
Thefts	3
Traffic complaints	3
Traffic stops	63
Town Citations	173
Vehicle Impounds	2
Vandalism	2
Warnings/Safety Repair Orders	53
911 hang-up	9
Total calls for service	119

## Code Enforcement Activity Report

Verbal Warnings	22
Parking Tickets	5
Municipal Citations issued	1
Enforcement/Warning Letters	4
Citizens Complaints	8
Stop work orders	0
Animal Complaints	6
Successful Compliances	37
Ongoing/Follow up Investigations	18
Assist Other Agency or Dept	2
Impounds	0

### Emergency Ordinance 2009-OR-022

#### Furniture on Porches



Summary: This Ordinance prohibits what is normally considered as household furniture, sofas, upholstered arm chairs intended for indoor use shall not be placed outside of a building or structure including but not limited to porches, decks, driveways, or carports.

This ordinance is a measure to prevent fires and a deterrent to the infestation of nesting or rodents or other vermin either of which would constitute a detriment to the public health, safety and well-being of residents.

Upon notice of violation the responsible party shall have seven (7) days to comply with the orders to remove. Failure to comply shall result in the issuance of a municipal citation in the amount of \$200.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for the second and each subsequent offense thereafter within a 24 month period. Furthermore, each offense which remains non-compliant beyond the seven (7) days shall be considered unwanted trash or debris and shall be collected and disposed of by the Town of Edmonston. All

associated costs shall be billed to the occupant/owner and upon failure to remit payment within thirty (30) days to the town will constitute an uncollected bill for services which shall be forwarded and attached as a lien upon the property tax of the said property.

### **Introduction of Ordinance** **2009-OR-020**

#### **Creation of "Green Street Zone"**

This ordinance enacted by the Edmonston Town Council applies only to Decatur Street, from Kenilworth Ave to the railroad crossing. The primary focus of this legislation is to regulate the types of fences, hedges or walls which may be installed; location of fences on a property and tax relief for property owners opting to replace chain link fences and moving them to the front house line.

Residents may continue to keep their chain link fences adjacted to the sidewalk, and replace them when damaged. No new chain link fences may be installed near the sidewalk, only from the front house line and to the rear and side of the property. This ordinance also stipulates that replacements or new fences must be made of wood, recycled plastic, or wrought iron

*Copies of both ordinances are available at the Town Hall.*

### **Important Tax Information**

#### **Earned Income Tax Credit Program**

Depending on your income, you may qualify for a refund.

If you are married filing jointly and have at least two children you can earn up to \$41,646 and still qualify for an EITC refund.

Contact the State Comptroller's Office in Landover at 301-459-9195 for assistance.

#### **Programa para crédito contributivo de ingresos ganados**

Dependiendo de sus ingresos, usted puede calificar para un reembolso. Si usted es rinde planillas como casados, tiene por lo menos dos niños, y su ingresos no exceden \$41,646 anuales puede calificar para un reembolso de EITC.

Para más información comuníquese con la Oficina del Controlador del Estado de Maryland en Landover en 301-459-9195.

#### **State Income Tax Amnesty Program**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO OCTOBER 30, 2009

Eligible delinquent business or individual taxpayers can settle their back tax debt and have all civil penalties and half their accumulated interest waived. Take this window of opportunity to resolve your tax problems.

Contact the Comptroller's Office in Landover at 301-459-9195 for details.

**Thank you to all joined us on Edmonston Day!**

Soon we will be uploading pictures of the event on our website!



## National Night Out

The Edmonston Police Department cordially invites you to join us and celebrate with other cities nationwide:

**AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009  
FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM  
EDMONSTON RECREATION CENTER ON  
TANGLEWOOD DRIVE**



**Games! Prizes! Rides! Hotdogs! Snow Cones!  
Ice Cream! Sodas!**

El Departamento del Policía de Edmonston cordialmente le invita a que se una con nosotros y otras ciudades a nivel nacional para la celebrar la

**NOCHE FUERA CONTRA EL CRIMEN  
EL MARTES 4 DE AGOSTO DE 2009 DESDE  
LAS 6:00 PM Hasta las 9:00 PM, EN EL CENTRO RECREACION  
DE EDMONSTON, EN TANGLEWOOD DRIVE**



## Noche Afuera Nacional

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**National Night  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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### August Calendar

**August 4 National Night Out**

**6-9pm**

**August 10 Council Meeting**

**7pm**

**August 12 Seniors Meeting**

**Noon**

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[www.mdhope.org](http://www.mdhope.org) 1 877-462-7555

Bladensburg Fire Dept 301 883-7709

[www.BV9FD.com](http://www.BV9FD.com)

**Call-A-Bus** 301-499-8603

Bates Trash/ Bulk Trash 301 773-2069

Cable outages 301 731-4260

PEPCO 202 833-7500

Power outages 1 877-737-2662

Wire Down Emerg. 202 872-3432

Wash Gas Co 703 750-1000

If you smell gas 703 750-1400

WSSC 301 206-9772

Emergency 301 206-4002